

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 4, insert:

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Page 4, lines 6-7:

1) weighing in the components ~~according to one of the
claims 1 to 6;~~

lines 22-23:

b. placing the fire-clay plates in a furnace (e.g.
electric furnace) heated to about 850-1000°C, and preferably
960°C,

line 24:

c. removing the plates from the furnace after about 30-
60 minutes, preferably 40 minutes,